

# A Note on the Common Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*) in Province Wellesley

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I first noted a pair of this species on Byram Estate, P. W. in January, 1931, shortly after my arrival there. Although the allied Buffalo Mynahs (*Aethiopsar*) were common about the estate, only one pair of Common Mynahs were present and these kept in the vicinity of the copra kilns where they fed much on the ground. The male was constantly singing and at the end of March both birds were carrying nesting material to the crown of a coconut palm where a pair of Crows had nested and from which they were constantly driving the Crows. During early May the male only was to be seen and heard and from the middle of the month both birds were carrying food to the nest. I did not see young leave the nest, but on June 20th I saw a full grown young one near the kilns. I saw a pair, presumably the old birds, in a coconut palm a week later since when I have seen none. In addition to this nesting pair, I saw one Common Mynah by the main road near Bukit Tengah, P. W. on May 19th and heard one singing in Penang and saw it on June 9th.

[The Myna, *Acridotheres tristis tristis* (Linn.), is an Indo-Chinese bird hitherto not known from further south in the Malay Peninsula than the Isthmus of Kra. It is evident from Mr. Young's observations that as an escaped cage-bird it is now establishing itself in Province Wellesley and the adjacent island of Penang. C. B. K.]